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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

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SUBJECT: Written Congressional Questions

1. In addition to all of the information that the Agency provides to the Congress in the form of narrative briefings, we also respond to a staggering number of formal, written questions. For convenience, these questions can be categorized as those dealing primarily with the budget and those that primarily relate to substance or policy.

2. A comparison of written budget questions asked of the Agency in each of the past two years shows the following:

	<u>FISCAL YEAR 1984</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR 1985</u>
SSCI	362	503
HPSCI	157	188
HAC	91	47
SAC	29	--
	<u>639 (1)</u>	<u>738 (2)</u>
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(1) received during the period 3/14/83 - 7/5/83

(2) received during the period 3/9/84 - 4/13/84

Clearly, there will be additional HAC written questions concerning the FY1985 budget, as well as some SAC questions. While the absolute number of written questions is quite large, so to is the increase in questions for FY 1985 over FY 1984.

The Comptroller is responsible for managing and coordinating the responses to these budget questions. The bulk of the effort actually expended in researching and preparing the substance of the responses is accomplished in the individual Agency directorates.

3. In addition to the formal, written budget questions, we also are tasked by the Congress with answering written questions that primarily address substance or Agency policies. For the last twelve months, they have amounted to the following:

Senate Appropriations Committee (SAC)	5	
Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC)	5	
Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC)	5	
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI)	<u>35</u>	50
House Appropriations Committee (HAC)	7	
House Foreign Affairs Committee (HFAC)	1	
House Government Operations Committee (HGOC)	4	
House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI)	<u>25</u>	<u>37</u>
Total Non-budget Questions		<u>87</u>
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4. In sum, we have answered over 800 written questions in the past year relating to all aspects of Agency activities. While the number of questions seems to increase each year, the absolute total is a large one and results in the substantial disclosure of information about Agency activities and policies to the Congress. A reasonable conclusion can be drawn from these figures that, in fact, the Congress is receiving a great deal of current and relevant information about the Agency .


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